

# Christian Courtesy

1 Tim 5:1-2

**1 Timothy 5:1** *Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father;*

**Elder:** exceeds another in image, rank, position.

OT: applied to heads of families and oldest persons

In church: position of honor

Not necessarily refer to Bishop or Pastor

Often--elder is Bishop

Elder: emphasis on what he is

Bishop: emphasis on what he does.

**Elder:** older, godly man

**Rebuke:** strike; beat upon, chastise with words, treat harshly; censure severely  
*Respect for age must temper the expression of reproof of an old man's misdemeanor.*

**Entreat:** call aside; admonish; for purpose of encouraging, comforting, exhorting, appealing to.

Mild rebuke—*To say please.*

**As a father:** as would your father. As a patriarch.

Not saying, *Timothy permit older people to get away with their sin.*

One-on-one relationships

Always right to take a stand in pulpit.

To publicly rebuke sin and rebellion.

**Titus 1:10-13** ... *Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;*

**2 Timothy 4:2** ...; *reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

**1 Timothy 5:20** *Them that sin rebuke before all...*

**Titus 2:15** *These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority.*

Teach children--treat elderly with dignity and great respect.

**Leviticus 19:32 Proverbs 16:31 Proverbs 20:29**

Israel was humbled and in a sinful state. They lost the blessings of God. One of reasons Israel humbled by God:

**Lamentations 5:12** ... *faces of elders were not honoured.*

instill in children--always honour faces of elders

**Ephesians 6:1-4**

**Deuteronomy 21:18**

**Stubborn:** Turn away, revolt, backslides, unyielding, bullheaded

**Rebellious:** bitter, disobedient, resists control

**Deuteronomy 21:19**

**Lay hold:** capture, seize

**Deuteronomy 21:20-21** ... *all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.*

**Deuteronomy 27:16** *Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother (hold in contempt—pout, slouch, throw a fit, slam doors, etc).*

*And all the people shall say, Amen.*

*Cursed:* to declare hateful or abhorrent; denounce, loath

Moses telling Levites: One of most abhorrent, loathsome things happen to children of Israel--child that holds in contempt parents

*And all the people shall say, Amen! That's right! So be it. Well spoken! Right on!*

Respect positions of leadership

Youth group at Bethel--Learned principle of respecting spiritual authority.

**2 Kings 2:23-24** *Little children: JH through 20's)*

*Mocked:* ridiculed, made fun of

*Go up:* Go on back. Leave like Elijah did. Don't want you around.

*Thou bald head:* empty sculled

*Adam Clarke: Ascend, thou empty skull, to heaven, as it is pretended thy master did! This was blasphemy against God; and their punishment (for they were Beth-elite idolaters) was only proportioned to their guilt.*

Where learn this?

In Bethel—idolatrous city.

School of prophets there.

Common for adults to stand and jeer men of God.

These young people learned from parents.

*and he turned back and looked on them.*

*Matt Henry: to try if a grave and severe look would put them out of countenance and oblige them to retire.*

*And cursed them—condemned them to die.*

*Tare:* ripped apart.

All because these young people had never learned to show respect and dignity to authorities

How many were followers—simple ones.

Someone should've taught them—be careful whom hang out with.

Someone should've taught them--don't touch God's anointed!

*Psalm 105:15 ... Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. (touch not: try to bring down; anointed: those consecrated for spiritual service)*

**Entreat him as a father**—come along side...encourage, exhort.

**Ironsides:** To Timothy: *Never, as a young man, upbraid an older man, because if you do it you will only show your own ill-breeding and your lack of subjection to the Spirit of God.*

**Younger:** Energetic, new, youthful.

**As brethren:** as own brother

Kindred spirit—commitment

Sense of protection. Prov 17:17

Approach different.

Go in kindly manner and speak as to a father.

**Younger men**—treat as brethren

**1 Timothy 5:2 The elder women**

Treat with same dignity. Honour, respect, gentleness as fathers.

*To correct mother requires deep humility, genuine searching of the heart, wrestling at the throne of grace, wisdom.*

Church—treat elder women as mothers.

Proverbs 23:22 ... *despise not thy mother when she is old.*

Don't take advantage of their graciousness Proverbs 28:24

Bless her Proverbs 30:11

Never mock mother with eyes Proverbs 30:17

Obey and honour: Ephesians 6:1-

Parents, teach children:

- ❖ Love and honor older ones...spiritual authorities.

- ❖ Sit at feet:

- ❖ Recruit to pray:

How Teach?

- ❖ Life message

- ❖ Speech

**2...the younger as sisters, with all purity.**

**Younger:** new, youth, energetic

**With all purity:** complete conformity in thought and word with God's moral law.

**So what?**

1. How should we view the church?

Family---Father, mother, brethren.

Commitment to each other

Love for each other—kindred spirit

Yielding rights

2. How approach different people?

Elders?

Younger men?

Older women?

Sisters?

Commitment: show common courtesy.

3. What attitude toward Elderly

Dignity and respect